

HCS HB 1201 -- SURFACE MINING OPERATIONS

SPONSOR: Engler

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 22 to 0.

Currently, a proposal to operate a surface mine requires the operator to send a notice of intent to operate a surface mine by certified mail to the governing body of the counties or cities in which the proposed areas are located and to the last known addresses of all record landowners of real property that is contiguous or adjacent to the proposed mine plan area. This bill requires the notice to also be sent to real property landowners within one-half mile from the border of the proposed mine plan area.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill provides better notice of a mining proposal to the neighboring property owners.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Engler; Mining Industry Council of Missouri; and Missouri Limestone Producers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.